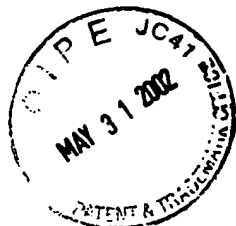


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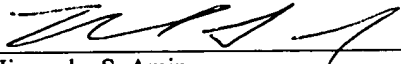
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MAY 16, 2002

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 16, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following two groups of claims:

(I) claims 1, 2, and 5-14 or (II) claims 3 and 4.

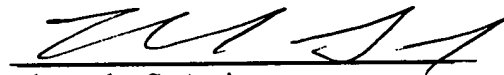
Applicants hereby elect with traverse group I (claims 1, 2, and 5-14, drawn to method, classified in class 438, subclass 696).

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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